

New Initiatives in the Army Green Procurement Program

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ARMY GREEN PROCUREMENT MOVING FORWARD

- **PURPOSE:** To provide information on new initiatives and associated planned actions for the advancement of the Army Green Procurement Program (GPP).
 - Army Policy Update
 - Army Strategy Document
 - Installation GPP Development Guide
 - GPP Program Review Protocol Development
 - Completion of GPP Program Reviews for two installations
 - Updating training curriculum and existing audit protocols
 - Developing and providing train-the-trainer classes for DAU instructors and Program Management Reviewers





Army Policy Update

- The Army Policy (dated 22 Nov 06) will be updated to reflect recent Executive Orders and support DOD policies and plans.
- Will be issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations and Environment) and (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology).
- Will support and align with the Army Sustainability Campaign Plan (Jan 10) and the DOD Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan (16 Feb 10 draft)
- The Army Green Procurement Program (GPP) Strategy will accompany the policy memo





Army Green Procurement Strategy

- The U.S. Army Public Health Command (provisional) will develop an Army-level strategy document.
- Example sections:
 - Program Overview
 - Assignment of Responsibilities
 - Description of the Army Program
 - Training
 - Reporting and Metrics
 - Summary of Requirements with Links to Additional Resources





Strategy Objectives

Selected to address current program weaknesses

- Assign specific offices with responsibilities for managing the Army GPP
- Plans for increased coordination among Acquisition and Environmental community representatives
- Plans for improved communication of GPP laws, policies and guidance
- Methods for more effective education that reaches all appropriate audiences
- Plans for periodic GPP Program Reviews and incorporation of GP into existing Contract Program Management Reviews
- Assignment of reporting responsibilities
- Identification of metrics to align with DOD metrics and reporting requirements



Army Installation Green Procurement Program Development Guide

- Comprehensive guidance manual on the steps to be taken to fully implement an effective Green Procurement Program
- Contents will include:
 - Applicability
 - Regulatory Drivers
 - Establishing a GP Team
 - Planning
 - Implementation and Operation
 - Checking and Corrective Action
 - Management Review
 - Useful Tools and Resources





Green Procurement Program Management Reviews

- Purposes
 - Verify compliance with GP requirements
 - Assist installations in developing their GP Programs
 - Assess implementation of internal programs and plans (EMS, GP Plan)
 - Provide findings and recommendations
- Three currently planned to be conducted by U.S. Army Public Health Command (prov) in CY10
- Available to any DOD facility upon request





GP Program Review Protocol

- Draft completed by US Army Public Health Command (prov)
- Major sections include:
 - Objectives and Approach
 - Program Review Criteria
 - Program Review Preparation
 - Conducting the Program Review
 - Table of Personnel to be Interviewed with Assessor Actions
 - Preparing the Findings Report
 - Interview Forms and a Findings Sheet Form





Pilot Green Procurement Program Reviews



- Three GP Program Reviews will be conducted during CY10
- Results will be used to get a snapshot of the status of the GP programs at those facilities
- Process will be evaluated to determine the potential future uses of GP Program Reviews
 - Gather data for annual sustainability report
 - Assist installations/facilities in assessing their GP Program
 - Extract portions for inclusion in Program Management Reviews (the acquisition community's audit program)
 - Extract portions for inclusion in Government Purchase Card audits



Updating Existing Audit Protocols and Train Auditors

- Add GP questions to the contracting Program Management Review Toolkit
- Add GP questions to the Government Purchase Card audit protocols
- Provide GP training to auditors to increase their knowledge and effectiveness when auditing GP compliance





Train-the-Trainer for Procurement Instructors

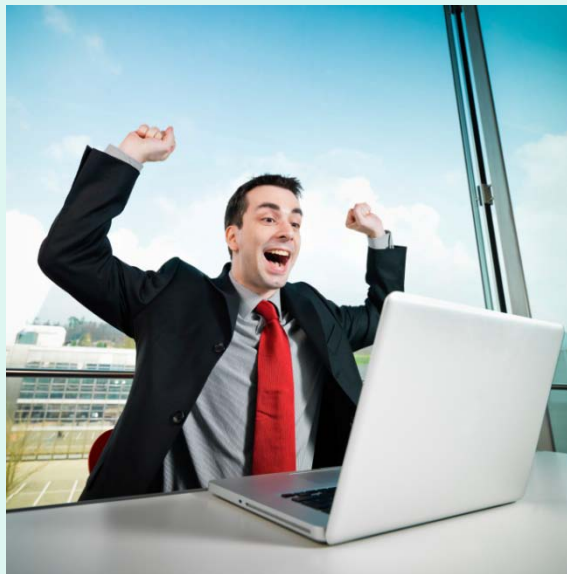
- U.S. Army Public Health Command plans to develop a train-the-trainer program for acquisition instructors
- Target audience – instructors for basic and advanced 1102 courses
- Objective – To provide procurement instructors with a deeper understanding of the Federal purchasing preference programs, and to provide course content for inclusion in mandatory training for job series 1102 employees.
- Can be included as part of their annual professional development training





Updating Existing Training Curricula

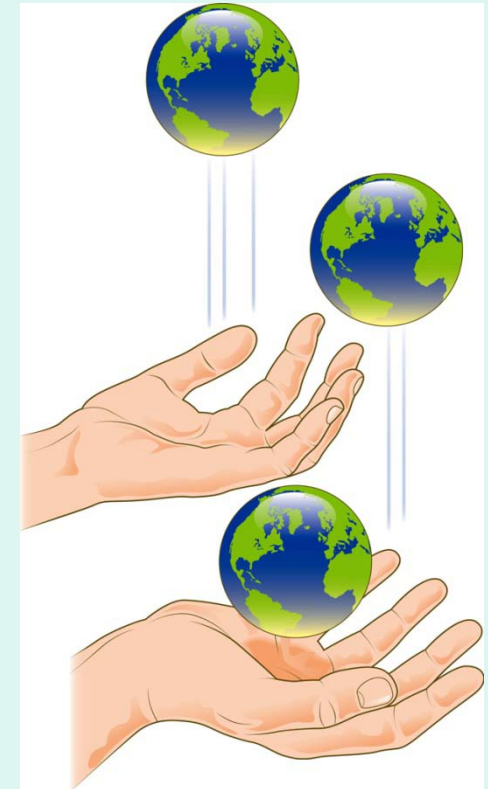
- Through information and training materials provided at the train-the-trainer sessions, gain buy-in of procurement instructors
- Add GP information to basic contracting courses
- Update and strengthen the GP information in the basic Government Purchase Card mandatory online training (CLG001)





Challenges

- Fully engaging the acquisition community
- Communicating requirements and guidance through appropriate command channels
- Misunderstanding and lack of awareness of the regulations
- Reaching the requirements generators/specification writers
- Difficult to measure, monitor, and report green purchases
- Perceptions that green products are inferior
- Fostering a culture in which all employees take responsibility for sustainable purchasing





Questions?

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